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WHEN WILL IT END?

While French estimates of German losses—placed yesterday at three army corps of 120,000 men—are probably excessive, as coming from a source not at all likely to give the enemy the benefit of a few thousand more or less, the figures must be staggering to the German nation. Assuming that the French war office missed its guess by one army corps, that would make the Teutonic losses 80,000 men, most of whom were killed. The English and French, who assumed the offensive in this terrible battle must have suffered even more.

How long, under such conditions, can the belligerents hold out? Germany must have drawn by this time on her boys and old men, and we know that France called every available man to the colors months ago. With her smaller population France cannot replace the permanently wounded and killed, and Germany cannot continue furnishing cannon fodder on eleven hundred miles of battle front. England and Russia of all the belligerents are able to replace the missing. Russia could place 20,000,000 men in line if equipment were at hand, and England has an inexhaustible supply in her loyal colonies.

Nobody knows how many men Kitchener has whipped into soldiers, though the number probably exceeds 3,000,000. If the war shall continue another year, Kitchener will be able to match every German with a Briton or territorial, at the present rate of slaughter, and then it must be only a question of time before the Germans, overwhelmed by superior numbers, are forced to seek peace. The entrance of Bulgaria, as announced in press dispatches yesterday, will be offset by the participation of Greece and Roumania on the side of the entente allies, so that these new entrants will stand each other off.

At the present rate of slaughter, it is only a question of time before the end must come. The central powers must be straining to maintain their lines—not counting the twenty miles recently taken by the allies—and it is inevitable that they must succumb to overwhelming numbers and a preponderance of artillery. The English and French are well equipped, and the French nation has been thrilled for the second time since the days of the First Napoleon, by the bravery of its troops. The Germans cannot push any further west, they are rather well occupied in the east, and in the unnatural course of events must grow weaker before the increasing onslaught of soldiers as brave as they, as well armed, and inspired with determination to rid France and Belgium of the enemy. It is a great pity that the war cannot be stopped before thousands of additional brave men are given up as a useless sacrifice.

HICKORY BOOSTERS.

Having as their object the upbuilding of Hickory in every way, to boost Hickory at home and abroad, to cooperate with all organized bodies for the promotion of every worthy enterprise and to promote friendly relations and more cordial spirit, the Hickory Boosters will be able to perform a service for the community. Cooperating with the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce, two unusually live organizations, the Boosters can bring things to pass. And that is what they will do.

While a multiplicity of organizations usually is the sign of weakness, this does not necessarily have to be the case. If an organization were formed to draw interest from another organization, or if it were formed as the result of pique, it would not deserve to succeed, and it would not succeed. The Record knows that the men constituting the membership in the Boosters club, from President Geitner down, are interested in the wholesome development of Hickory, and it needs no further assurance than their affiliation with the movement to be convinced of its good purpose.

The Hickory Boosters can take the place of a Rotary Club. Rotarians everywhere are members of chambers of commerce and merchants associations, and are generally live wires. They pull together.

The Record has several reasons for

wanting Hickory to progress along wholesome lines. One reason is that we have launched a daily newspaper in this city, and its growth is dependent on that of the community. This paper cannot grow unless Hickory grows. The primary reason, however, is that we want to live in a good town, where the people are not only interested in acquiring the necessities and comforts of life, but are interested in their brother. For, say what we please, and we are to a large extent our brother's keeper.

Feeling that the Hickory Boosters are just as interested in the development of this community as the Merchant's Association, the Chamber of Commerce or this paper, the Record extends the glad hand and assures the gentlemen are interested of its hearty cooperation in everything for the advancement of Hickory and this section.

THE MEXICAN PROBLEM.

It has now been some several weeks since the diplomats representing the United States and Latin America first met in Washington to map out plans for the pacification of Mexico and the restoration of order. Those conferences amounted to nothing of course. In the meantime Mexican bandits are invading the United States and, in addition to running off stock, are killing American soldiers. If we had before us the volume containing the messages to congress of James K. Polk, we could cite similar conditions along in the forties. There were raids in those days and American protests. Finally the United States went to war.

There are those who today charge the United States with waging a war of conquest against Mexico. Maybe this government did. But we are not sorry for it. Better a war of conquest, followed by peace and liberty, than murder and anarchy.

For our part we believe that a plague spot should be cleaned up, whether it be in a small community or a large territory. If the Mexicans are incapable of self-government, if a few thousand bandits are to lay waste that country, then it were better for some nation to take hold.

The United States eventually will be compelled to undertake the job. It will be a huge task, an unpleasant duty, but it will have to be performed. That is the only way out. We trust the day of intervention may be delayed as long as possible in a last hope that the Mexicans will come to their senses before it is too late.

By way of the Columbia State we learn that Hoke Smith "sees 14-cent cotton," and we pass along the State's comment: "Can this be the same Hoke who was predicting only a few weeks ago that the contraband order would irretrievably ruin the south?"

The Shelby Star was in mourning this week for Maj. H. F. Schenck, whose death removed one of the best men in North Carolina. Major Schenck's employees loved him unreservedly, and that, after all, is the best test of his life.

Everybody in Hickory is proud of the city. There is no doubt about that. And everybody should be so proud of Hickory that no articles will be purchased elsewhere if they can be secured here. Give the home merchant first choice.

We do not suppose there are many people in this section who do not understand that the values to be offered next Thursday are for cash only. Look over the advertisements in Monday's paper and make your selections.

And the marvel is that one living in a land of milk and honey—almost literally speaking—can find time to preach calamity.

PRESS COMMENT

Major Schenck.
Greensboro Daily News.
The Daily News has followed with no small interest exchanges of opinion by Messrs. Schenck and Swift on the question of child labor. The columns of this paper have not often carried a more interesting discussion, for both men spoke authoritatively. If Swift is right in theory Schenck is no less admirable in practice. There is no I. W. W. in Lawndale. If all mill owners were as careful of the interests of their people as the Schencks our legislators would be relieved of one of the most perplexing problems.

Major H. F. Schenck, father of Mr. Swift's antagonist, was of that rare type of manufacturer that has not allowed the invention of machinery to obliterate the personal touch in industry. He knew his people, and followed their welfare with the keenest interest—not to coddle them, but to stand ready at all times to offer assistance when their own best efforts had failed. The attitude of the people toward their employer is best illustrated by an incident that occurred on the day that Major Schenck was taken to the hospital from which he was never to return. It was realized that his condition was serious, and some of his workmen expressed a wish to bid him good-bye. The Major ordered that any of the mill people who had that desire be admitted—and they held him for three hours longer than he had expected to remain.

It seems ungracious, to say the least, to hamper such a man with law and regulations. It is safe to say that the children in the Schenck mill are better off than any sort of legislation could have made them. But the pity of it is, all mills are not Schenck mills. A wise and benevolent despotism is doubtless the best form of government; but where are we to obtain a supply of benevolent despots?

Pier Mile Long for Playground.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Work on the great municipal pier, that Chicago is building to expand more than a mile into Lake Michigan, is progressing so rapidly that it is announced that the playground will be completed, except for its recreation features by November 1. The pier will be for the use not only for Chicago's millions, but for the thousands who visit the mid-western metropolis during the vacation months.

Cancer Growth Alarms Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 30.—Medical experts throughout the state at the solicitation of the Medical Society of Pennsylvania, are planning to take an active part in the growth of cancer during the coming year. Statistics just gathered show that the death rate from cancer in Pennsylvania is increasing out of all proportion with the increase in population. It is predicted that this year the number of deaths from the disease will reach 6,000.



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